

UCAN Lead Conference
University of Calgary Advisors' Network
February 21st, 2013, 8:30 am-4:15pm
MacEwan Ballroom, 3rd Floor MSC

Conference Agenda:

8:30-9:00am

(MacEwan Ballroom)

Registration

9:00-9:15am

Welcome remarks from UCAN Steering Committee

9:15 – 9:20am

Special remarks from special guest (via video) for all advisors

9:20-10am

(MacEwan Ballroom)

Keynote Address: Ron Wuotila, Director of Athletics, University of Calgary
Ron Wuotila has a lengthy pedigree in post-secondary athletics and leadership in Canada and the United States, as well as significant international experience as the Head of Basketball Operations and High Performance Manager for British Basketball. He will be speaking on being a leader in our roles as advisors, as well as on how advisors are fundamental to building the leaders of the future.

10-10:15am

Break and Networking

10:15-11:15am

Breakout sessions:

1. Supporting our Diverse Student Population: Panel Discussion
(MacEwan Ballroom)

This interactive discussion will be led by Nanako Furuyama (Women's Resource Centre), Cate Hannington (Native Centre), Glynn Hunter (University of Calgary International), and Merlin Keillor (Disability Resource Centre). Discussion will center on common challenges for International students, including language barriers; cultural diversity; mental health; and supporting the LGBTQ student population.

2. Leadership and Advising Café: Gareth McVicar, Manager, Leadership, Training and Development, Centre for Leadership and Community Engagement. **(Cassio B)**

Gareth will be lead advisors through a set of activities to generate discussion on leadership and explore the connection between leadership and advising at the University of Calgary.

3. Advising at U of C ... what's working, what's not? A Focus Group
Ana Popovic, Special Projects Coordinator, Student and Enrolment Services.
(Cassio A)

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11:20-12:20pm

Breakout sessions:

1. How to Thrive at Work and in Life: An exploration of the key components of the Drama Department courses Love, Happiness, Creativity, Story and Sexuality: as portrayed in the Theatre. (Content warning).
Sherryl Melnyk, PhD Candidate, Instructor in the Department of Drama.
(MacEwan Ballroom)

Join Sherryl as she discusses how advisors can use the fundamental principles of Love, Happiness, Creativity, Story, and Sexuality, as portrayed in the theatre, into their work and personal lives.

2. Hot Topics in Advising (At-Risk Students, Early Warning, High Achieving Students): Panel Discussion (Cassio B)

This interactive discussion, led by members of the Student Success Centre and the Scholar's Academy Program, will be an opportunity for advisors across campus to come together to discuss these current issues, share personal experiences and best practices, learn from a variety of perspectives, and search for answers to common problems.

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12:30-1:30pm
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Lunch

1:30-2:00pm
(MacEwan Ballroom)

Advising, Teaching and the Academic Plan at the University of Calgary:
Susan Barker, Vice-Provost (Student Experience)
Lynn Taylor, Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning) via video

2:00pm-3:15pm
(MacEwan Ballroom)

The Evolution of Helicopter Parents: Monique O'Sullivan, Mount Royal University
A presentation on the evolution of parenting, how the helicopter parent came to be, and some guidelines on how to successfully interact with them.

Monique has been working in various roles in the post-secondary world for almost ten years. While working with the Student's Union at the University of Calgary she worked closely with students and professors as an employer, and as service support. During this time she also interacted with parents on a regular basis. At Mount Royal University she is currently working in the Accessibility Services Office.

Observing and working with such a unique mix of clientele combined with a deep love of history and its impact on people has led Monique to explore the way relationships between parents, students and post-secondary professionals have been changing over the years and the possible reasons behind those changes. This journey has some very surprising results which have greatly impacted her perception of "Helicopter Parents."

3:15-3:30pm

Break and Networking

3:30-4:00pm

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The Student Perspective: Hardave Birk, Students Union President, and Representative from the Graduate Students' Association

The student leaders will say a few words on behalf of the University of Calgary student population.

4:00-4:15pm

Wrap-Up, Conference Giveaways

The UCAN Steering Committee would like to thank the following for their gracious support:

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